

**Specification Amendments:**

Page 1, before paragraph [0001], insert the following:

**Cross Reference to Related Application**

This application is the National Stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP03/07757, filed July 17, 2003.

**Background of the Invention**

Page 2, before paragraph [0008], insert the following:

**Summary of the Invention**

Page 3, amend paragraph [0011] to read as follows:

[0011] In this way, the availability of the voltage supply increases on ignition "on" and a considerable increase in the fail-safety, as a result of the formation of two fallback levels which can likewise perform the switchover, takes place.

Page 3, before paragraph [0014], insert the following:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Page 3, amend paragraph [0013] to read as follows:

[0013] These and further objects, features and advantages of the invention are explained in more detail below with reference to the drawing, in which:

Page 3, amend paragraph [0014] to read as follows:

[0014] Fig. 1 is a simplified block diagram of the device according to the invention for the redundant voltage supply of safety-relevant systems, and.

Page 3, before paragraph [0016], insert the following:

**Detailed Description of the Invention**

Page 5, amend paragraph [0023] to read as follows:

[0023] Subsequently, in step S3, a request message Anf1, which states that it is necessary to switch over the relay in order to supply voltage, is output to the CAN bus 11. This request message Anf1 is received by the second drive device 2 in step S4. Following this, the second drive device 2 checks in step S5 whether the first drive device 1 has successfully driven/switched over the relay unit 4. If this is the case, the sequence ends. Otherwise, the sequence proceeds to step S6, in which it is determined via a line Sp2 whether a voltage is applied to one or more safety-relevant systems 5. In the affirmative, the sequence ends, and in the negative case, the sequence proceeds to step S7, in which a check is made as to whether it is possible for the second drive ~~unit~~ device 2 to drive/switch the relay unit 4. If driving/switching is judged to be possible in step S7, then in step S8 the second drive device 2 drives/switches the relay unit 4 by means of the control signal St2 and then the sequence ends.